GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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MARKET RISK STABILISATION FUND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has set up a Market Risk Stabilisation Fund jointly by Union and State Governments and financial institutions to protect the farmers from price fluctuations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The National Commission on Farmers in its Report titled `A Draft National Policy for Farmers` released on 13th April, 2006, recommended, inter-alia, that Market Risk Stabilisation Fund should be established jointly by Central and State Governments, and also financial institutions, to protect farmers during periods of violent fluctuations in prices.

The said Commission is to submit its Final Report in October 2006. A view on the setting up of the Fund would emerge after the examination of the final report of the Commission